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Lieutenant in Scout Machine Dived Into a Squadron, Firing as He Flew.

DARING STUNTS IN WEST

British Fliers Uusually Mere Boys, Few Being Over Twenty-five Years.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 1 (by mail) .- The announcement that "improved weather conditions permitted increased serial activity along the entire front" is the laconic and presaic way in which the official communique dismisses some of the most spectacular episodes

of the war. Te those who have once witnessed this "increased aerial activity" such an announcement conjures up at once a picture of countless aeroplanes in the air—scouting, fighting, diving, spinning, hovering over enemy targets and calmly sending wireless signals through the fountains of enemy fire, photographing the enemy lines, bombing his ammunition dumps and sheet and supply columns. and sheds and supply columns, and otherwise "carrying on" in the sky in a manner wholly bewildering to the onlooker, but typifying in supreme degree the indispensable part aviation is playing in this war.

British Airmen Mere Boys.

With a candor often uncommon in times of strife the British communique may end from day to day with the simple statement that one or two or three or four "of our ma-chines have not returned." This means they have either been hit and forced to land in the enemy's lines or have been shot down to a fate more certain. It is no child's play to circle above a German battery ob-serving for half an hour or more. tortured by exploding shells and black shrapnel puffballs coming nearer like the extending finger tips of some hand of death. But they are little more than children—these mere boys who are bringing the luster of everlasting fame to the British avia-tion service. Some are scarce eight-een. It is rare to find a flying man twenty-five.

over twenty-five.

In the aggregate, however, the losses in the flying corps are as nothing compared with the useful and vital work the "wings" accomplish. Without them the big guns would have no far-seeing eyes to correct their shells. Without them and the hundreds of photographs they daily take the mapmakers could not trace each detail of the trench positions. Without them the general staff could not accurately know just what is without them the general staff could not accurately know just what is going by day and night behind the enemy lines. Without them modern war would lose its most fascinating

Young Britisher's Daring.

The "good flying" of a single day on the British front alone may represent a day of a hundred flights, a day of four-score aeroplanes in wing-to-wing combat, a day of a thousand personal incidents and deeds of dar-ing in the once strange strata of high, thin air. It might tell, for instance, of how

Lit might tell, for instance, of how Lieutenant A in a fast flying scout machine encountered a squadron of twelve German Rolands. The odds were one-sided enough, but the young Britisher decided to take a chance. He climbed swiftly and surely until he got far above and to the rear of the hostile craft. Evidently the Gerthe hostile craft. Evidently the Germans were intent upon some errand. mans were intent upon some errand which they proposed to carry out in force, for they paid no heed to the khaki-clad airman until he debilerate ly dived into them, firing as he came. This threw the tweive Germans into a panic and their formation was entirely broken up. Meanwhile Lieutenant A got beneath the nearest ma-chine and fired an entire drum of car-tridges, into it at fifteen yards. The hostile machine collapsed and "crashed." That is a supreme word in the lexicon of the flying corps. A machine may fall or dive, but until it is actually seen to "crash" it is not counted as an enemy "casualty."

Engaged Three Machines.

After seeing his particular enemy "crash" Lieutenant . A drew off to think things over. He was somewhat amazed to see still more hostile machines coming up in forma-tion. But he dashed at the leader of the newcomers and sent him in a spiral nose dive to a "crash." This led to still more complications, and the intrepid little pilot soon found himself engaged with three machines.

His fight with these was indecisive.
"For," says the official record,
"having expended all his ammunition Lieutenant A set off for home."
A few days later, it is related, he took a running dive into a formation of twenty hostile machines with all the self-assurance an eagle might have in the midst of a flock of sparrows. Before he was through he had sent three adversaries "crashing."

"This time," says the record, "he returned to one of our aerodromes for more ammunition and returned to the scene of battle, where he en-gaged and dispersed such enemy ma-chines as remained in the vicinit⁶. One was seen to crash upon a house-

Airmen Shamming a Fall.

This same little Lieuteant A seems to persist in the records of the service. One day he was crossing the enemy lines at 11,500, when he found himself directly above a German kite balloon sent up for artillery observation. Pretending to be in trouble and thus avoiding fire from the anti-aircraft guns, he fell in side stalls to 1,500 feet, suddenly righted himself and dived at the balloon. He opened and continued firing until he almost touched the big gas bag. Just as he passed over it the thing burst into flames and was destroyed in a few

The Germans have lately adopted the ruse of "stalling" and shamming a fall out of control. It is a thrilling but not uncommon thing to see a Ger man machine when closely pressed turn its tall straight up in the air and dive toward the earth for a distance of 2,000 or 3,000 feet, and just at the uninitiated onlooker would expect a "crash" it flattens out and pect a "crash" it flattens out and

starts pell mell for its own lines. One focs not always get away with this bit of aerial strategy, however, as is shown by the record of Captain B. After attacking three hostile ma-chines, he saw oen of them going down in a spining nose dive. He suspected the honesty of that dive and decided to do a little diving "on his own." This dramatic downward duel continued for full 5,000 feet, until the German was driven into a spin "and

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Holding a District Court. IN RE: The opening, widening and extension of alleys in Squares 57, 195, and 3139, in the District of Columbia. District Court No. 1290.—Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, property of the Code of law for the District of Columbia, payment to the provisions of section 1908 is asciton 1908 in the provision of section 1908 in a section 1908 in the provision of section 1908 in the District of Columbia, and and fire in the provision of the land necessary for the opening, widening and extension of alleys in Squares 514, 286 and fire, in the District of Columbia, as shown on a plat or map filed with the estimate of the contemporary of the District of Columbia or of the land necessary for the District of Columbia or of the Lunited States be summoned by the United States be summoned by the United States marshal for the District of Columbia to assess the damages each owner of land to be taken may sustain by reason of the opening, extension, and widening of the said alleys, and the condemnation of the land necessary for the purposes thereof, and to assess as benefits resulting therefrom the entire amount of said damages, including the expenses of these proceedings, upon each lot or part of lot or parcel of ground in the squares or blocks confronting the said squares, which will be benefited as provided for in and by the aforesaid code of law. It is, by the Court, this 21d day of February A. D. 1917, ordered, that all persons having any interest in these proceedings he and they are hereby, warned and commanded to appear in this Court on or before the 8th day of March A. D., 1917, at ten o'clock A. M. and continue in attendance until the Court shall have made its final order ratifying and confirming the award of damages and the assessment of bestefits of the jury to be empaneled and sworth herein; and it is further, ordered, that a copy of this notice and order be served by the United